



Property Responsibilities

Vegetation Overgrowth

Overgrown grass, weeds, bushes, trees, and other vegetation is a fire and safety hazard. Property owners and occupants are responsible for removing and keeping their property free from potential fire and safety hazards. This duty includes any abutting sidewalk area, easements, and one half the width of abutting alley, from the property line to the centerline of the alley.

Junk, Litter and Debris

Junk, litter, debris, and refuse may not be left in a yard, easement, or the abutting portions of contiguous public rights-of-way (sidewalks, curbs, easements, streets, and alleys to the centerline); it must be disposed of properly. This includes auto parts, appliances, furniture, building or landscaping materials, tires, paper, cardboard, plastics, tree trimmings and any other discarded items.

Outside Residential Storage

Outside storage in residential zones is as follows:

- ▶ Limited to rear and side yards
- ▶ Limited to 25% of the total lot area
- ▶ Contained within a storage structure or screened from the street

Code Enforcement Personnel are available to meet with Neighborhood Associations and other groups to discuss topics outlined in this brochure.



Junked Motor Vehicles

Junked motor vehicles by definition includes any motor vehicle subject to Arizona registration, but without a lawfully affixed unexpired number or license plate from any state, and in addition, exhibits one or more of the following conditions:

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| ✓ Wrecked | ✓ Dismantled | ✓ Stripped |
| ✓ Abandoned | ✓ Damaged | ✓ Inoperative |
| ✓ Unused | ✓ Scrapped | ✓ Discarded |
| ✓ Cannot be safely operated | ✓ A hulk/shell | |

Permitted storage of a junk motor vehicle requires the vehicle to be lawfully enclosed in:

- ▶ An enclosed garage or other permanent building constructed of opaque materials without holes or gaps other than doors or windows.
- ▶ A carport, if an opaque car cover completely covers the vehicle.
- ▶ Any fence, wall, or barrier, not less than five (5) feet in height, constructed of opaque materials without holes or gaps other than self-latching doors or window, completely enclosing the vehicle.

Code Enforcement

The Environmental Services inspections division is responsible for responding to more than 37,000 inspection requests and community concerns each year including:

- ▶ Enforcement of applicable City Codes
- ▶ Technical assistance
- ▶ Education

For more information or to request an inspector visit, please call 791-3171 and ask for Code Enforcement.

Property-related Code Violations

A violation of City Codes or regulations described in this brochure may initiate the following:

- ▶ On-site inspection, possibly resulting in a notice of violation to the property owner and/or resident if a violation exists.
- ▶ Reinspection of property after expiration of notice.
- ▶ If violation has not been corrected, the City may pursue civil or criminal action and/or abatement.



Code Enforcement Community Guide



**What you need to know
about Garbage Collection,
Property Maintenance, &
Neighborhood Preservation**

791-3171

www.tucsonaz.gov/esd

Environmental Services: Working for our Community

City of Tucson Environmental Services works in partnership with residents and neighborhood groups to keep our community cleaner. This guide offers information to promote community health and to help us provide you with better service.

Please contact us if you have questions or comments at 791-3171 or visit our web site at www.tucsonaz.gov/esd for further information.

Residential Collection

The following guidelines for garbage and recycling collection are simple and will help us ensure that you receive prompt service. Please...



- ▶ Place your garbage and recycling containers at least 2 feet apart and 2 feet from any obstacle, such as mailboxes, trees, parked cars, or any other obstructions.
- ▶ Remove your containers from the curb on non-service days. Leaving containers at the curb is a violation of City Code and is subject to fees.
- ▶ Don't put plastic bags, garbage or green waste in the recycling containers. Please refer to "Recycling Guidelines" found on our website.
- ▶ Don't overfill containers. Overfilled containers create litter and may not be serviceable.
- ▶ Please bag and tie garbage, to eliminate litter, odors and flies.

Recycling

The City encourages all recycling efforts by citizens. This helps to divert material from the landfill and alleviates overloading in containers promoting a healthy environment.



The Tucson Recycles program is easy:

- ▶ Efficient and economically sensible
- ▶ Keeps Tucson's recycling rate growing above current 22%
- ▶ Extends the life of our landfill
- ▶ Conserves natural resources



An approved list of materials accepted for recycling is available and listed on our website at www.tucsonrecycles.org. If needed, an additional residential recycling container is available for no fee.



If in doubt whether an item is a recyclable, please call 791-5000. The placement of anything other than what is listed in the approved list of materials into the recycling container contaminates the recycling, and prevents it from being usable. Continued contamination will incur a fee assessed after two violations for non-compliance with program guidelines.

Brush & Bulky

Crews visit each of Tucson's 22 residential service areas twice each year to provide Brush and Bulky collection. You may find your collection dates and guidelines on our website or by calling customer service at 791-3171. Residents will receive a doorhanger when the scheduled pickup date is near.

The City will collect additional brush and bulky items for a nominal fee for off-schedule pickups, items in excess of 10 cubic yards, or

items that were not picked up due to late or improper setout. Call 791-3171 to schedule an appointment for an estimate.

You may take unaccepted household brush and bulky materials to the Los Reales Landfill. For landfill information call 791-5085.

Overloaded Containers

Overloaded containers are a problem for everyone. In order to help prevent overloaded alley garbage containers, we ask all households to properly dispose of items (bag and tie) and to comply with the quantity and type of items that may be disposed of into the container.

Often times when residents do not comply, the result is overloaded containers and illegal dumping activity in the alleyway. Participation in the recycling program may also help alleviate this problem.

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is the disposal of trash, debris, or hazardous waste in any unauthorized place, including public property such as streets, alleys, easements, washes, and private property.

Responsible parties are required to remove and properly dispose of the illegally dumped material and may be prosecuted. However, property owners are responsible for any refuse or debris in the alley behind their property if the violator cannot be identified.

Remember that residents may place items out for collection only during designated Brush & Bulky service dates.